

Application No.: 10/708,927

Docket No.: 11657-00004-US

REMARKS

Claims 1-87 remain pending in this application and have been indicated as being allowable. This amendment attends to several matters of formality, and is submitted to place the application in condition for allowance in response to the Ex-Parte Quayle action.

Comments on Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

The undersigned attorney sincerely apologizes for any confusion and delay suffered by the Examiner in interpreting the lengthy and detailed IDS submitted at the time of filing of this application.

By way of explanation, new database software was used to assist in producing PTO documents. Apparently, redundant entry of the references cited in the related applications occurred, and even more obvious, sufficient proof-reading did not take place. The Examiner's professionalism and patience in analyzing the IDS is appreciated.

Not to further confuse the issue, but in a good-faith attempt to fully comply with the Duty of Disclosure, a Supplemental IDS has been submitted contemporaneously with this amendment by hand-delivery to the USPTO on November 17, 2004. This new IDS provides a listing and/or a copy of references recently cited by a foreign patent office in a related application, and also corrects deficiencies noted with previously cited references "CII" and "CR".

Entry and consideration of the Supplemental IDS is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification

Replacement paragraphs have been provided responsive to the Examiner's objections to unknown Greek symbols (which appeared as a "?") and mathematical operators. These problems arose from the vagaries of the software used for electronic filing of the application.

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The undersigned notes that the mathematical equation " $i = \sqrt{-1}$ " was provided as a TIF image, since mathematical equations are converted to TIF images to support the electronic filing of applications using the USPTO's EFS.

No new matter is involved with any replacement paragraphs.

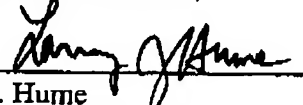
Conclusion

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-87 are allowed. In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicants believe that the pending application is now in condition for allowance.

In the event the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues in this case, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number indicated below.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 11657-00004-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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